

Durham Animal Control Advisory Committee
May 25, 2010

In attendance: Joyce McKinney, Cindy Bailey, Shafonda Price, Evelyn Nicholson, Martha Ann Traylor, Fran Foster, Joyce Arcus, Jenny Campbell, Jan Paul, Susan Teer. There were three animal control officers and 2 guests in attendance.

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM. Minutes from the last meeting will be submitted by Joyce Arcus for approval by email.

Animal Control Updates:

- reviewed completed calls and impound statistics for March and April

Shelter Update:

- reviewed intake and outcome statistics for March and April

Old Business:

- TVNR explore committee currently meeting 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month; has met 4 times; the committee has been given the task of investigating ways to legally decrease the feral cat population in Durham
- researching efforts in other counties that currently have programs
- have come to the conclusion that there are limited options other than TVNR
 1. a law to ban the feeding of feral cats with the belief that it would lead to starvation and thereby disbanding of the colony (NY) - inhumane
 2. shooting - inhumane
 3. capture and relocate - not addressing the problem, just moving it
 4. trap and euthanize - complaint driven, this method is currently in place in Durham, not currently effective in decreasing the population of feral cats
- a TNVR program would not be paid for by taxpayers
- if TNVR was legalized, individuals would be able to apply for grant money to support the program
- motion was made by Jan Paul for the committee to continue to investigate TNVR and to present a proposal which addresses a legal and viable means of controlling/reducing the feral cat population in Durham, to include the attendant responsibilities and obligations of the cat colonists and addressing liability, animal health, shelter and public health issues, and the impact on wildlife. The motion was seconded by Joyce Arcus. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Lieutenant Duarte provided clarification regarding an incident with an injured pit bull
- Animal Control officers provided clarification of what constitutes an after hours emergency

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM. The next meeting will be held July 27, 2010. Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.

